The Whole Truth

"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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"AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES, SPEAK UNTO THE CHILDREN THAT THEY GO FORWARD."

I am blessed!



nationally known evangelist

Dr. S.E. Mitchell

"TOWN ON FIRE"

You have, no doubt read of the burning of Rome, or the burning of Troy. Most recently you read of the many cities across our nation, which were set ablaze by those who would destroy all order and decency.

In religious history, you have heard of the "Reformation Fires" of the 14th and 15th centuries led by Martin Luther; or the "Revival Fires" of the 18th century with the Wesley Brothers at a Prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street in London; or the "Pentecostal Fires" of the 19th century on Azusa Street in California, led by W. J. Seymore. Certainly there is a bit of fever, joy, ecstacy and glory that fills our souls when we read of these accounts, for they seem as real today as they were on yesteryear. But now if you want to hear about a "town on fire" you need to talk to eye witnesses on the streets of a city called Memphis, in the mid-southern state of Tennessee.

The Lord saved a well known T.V. and recording artist. Known Alcholics, prostitutes and drug addicts have come crying what shall I do to be saved. Backsliders have been reclaimed. People are going up and down the streets of Memphis with changed hearts, sanctified minds and baptized wills. Yes, there is a "town on fire." - - - The Holy Ghost, through,, Elder S. E. Mitchell, national evangelist from Dallas, Texas has been in Memphis at Pentecostal Temple, 229 So. Danny Thomas Blvd., and through the "power of the Word of God, set the "town on fire."

No gimmicks, not a trick turned, just the preaching of the word. Scores, nightly, met in the home pastorate of the Presiding Bishop, and were saved, and filled with the Holy Ghost. They were drawn from the streets, the corners, they came from Arkansas, Mississippi, Illinois, and Kentucky, to see this man who had "turned the city upside down," and set the entire town on fire for God.

May God give grace and glory to his resurrected servant, S. E. Mitchell, and bless all of those who sit under his anointed ministry in this latter day.

Well, if you happen to run into some saints who have trouble speaking in English; or you happen into a preacher or teaching missionary who preach and teach with apostolic authority; or a layman with power to witness as promised in Acts 1:8, it maybe that that person has just left Pentecostal Temple in Memphis, Tennessee, a place where, JESUS IS REAL and the whole "TOWN IS ON FIRE."

Bishop J. O. Patterson, Pastor
Elder S. E. Mitchell, Evangelist

RESERVATIONS ARE BEING CONFIRMED FOR THE PRESIDING BISHOP'S BENEFIT DINNER

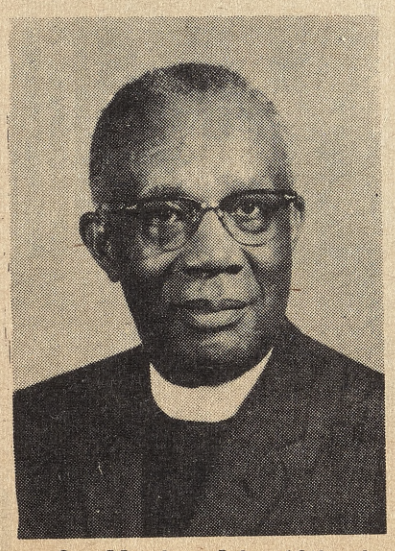
The 64th Annual Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. will convene at Memphis, Tennessee November 9 through 19th 1971.

Thousands are expected to attend the Convocation. The most outstanding event of the meeting will be the presiding Bishops benefit dinner to be held at the Hotel Sheraton Peabody's Sky Room, Saturday November 13, 1971 at 5 P.M.

The proceeds of the dinner will support the Charles Harrison Mason Educational Foundation which lends support to deserving students of our church through scholarships, The Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary an other worthwhile projects within the scope of education.

Each jurisdiction is expected to have one or more tables at the benefit dinner which should

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On Monday July 19th the death angel came to claim Bishop D. Lawrence Williams of Norfolk, Virginia.

Bishop Williams was one of the Pioneers of the church of God in Christ. A member of the General Board of the church. He served as overseer of the Second (2nd) Jurisdiction of Virginia and former overseer of Maryland. He was very active in the community and state in which he resided. He was sponsor of the Church of God in Christ Homes in Suffolk, Va. a housing for low income families. A recent quote from Bishop Williams is as follows.

"True religion cannot be and is not indifferent to morality. It can not be equated with formal acts of worship only and its end objective is not merely the edification of the worshipper, but the establishment of a structure for living in right relationships among the members of a community of whom our God is a member. This is our aim and purpose.

It can be well be said of Bishop Williams as of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, he saw a need and tried to do something about it.

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST HOSPITAL FUND

The primary object of the Church of God in Christ Hospital Fund is to assist, aid and accomodate in the dissemination of Christian Service. That the church is obligated to make provisions for such circumstances is in line with Christian teachings, Jesus commended the Samartian who showed compassion for the injured man and took him to an inn where he could be cared for. The Lord states the care of the sick or failure to do so, was of

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J. O. Patterson, Presiding Bishop, Elder E. H. Moore and Bishop D. A. Burton, General Secetary.

Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth. III John 2 are among the favorite passages of Bishop J. O. Patterson Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ. These words that comes from the pen of St. John are indicative of the feeling that Bishop Patterson has for the Church all of its members high or low that they might prosper naturally and spiritually. This verse that heads most of his correspondence to the church lends credence to the fact that he is one of the world's most towering religious leaders.

The Pentecostal Movement is the fastest growing religious phenomena of our times within the Pentecostal element. The Church of God in Christ is the largest predominantly Black Pentecostal denominations in America, much of its progress has been due to the outstanding leadership of Bishop Patterson who as the successor to the late Founder and Presiding Bishop of the Church, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason has instituted reforms within the church and expanded its ministries.

Rising to new horizons with accelerated pace, Bishop Patterson brought into reality the Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary, The first black accredited Pentecostal Seminary in America, established the Church of God in Christ Hospital Fund, a solvent program that has benefitted man who were otherwise uninsurable for the welfare of the ministry and laity of the Church. The Charles Harrison Mason Educational Foundation to aid worthy students of the church in pursuit of education, through scholarships, etc. Emphasis on education through spiritual dedication has stimulated life on the Board of of Education, a new member has been named. The budget of Saints Junior College at Lexington, Mississippi was increased substantically, thus aiding in the further development and expansion of the school. In every area of the church and its ministry, the dynamic influence of Bishop Patterson has been felt as a result enthusiasm has permeated the various departments and marked advancement or improvements have come into being. A man for our times, God has raised another Nehemiah to rebuild, evangelize and inspire people of all denominations. Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, Father Founder, Pioneer, Builder of the Church of God in Christ, left a legacy, Bishop J. O. Patterson, current expanding that legacy.

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matter that would be taken into consideration on the day of judgment Matt. 25: 36-43.

You are a member of the Church of God in Christ you are eligible to become a member of his plan designed to benefit you directly should it become necessary for you to be hospitalized regardless to your age. In comparison to other hospital plans, The Church of God in Christ Hospital Fund waives certain conditions that would make you ineligible to join other plans.

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include the Bishop, State Mother, Superintendents, and departmental heads etc. We expect you to support and cooperate in sponsoring this benefit.

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Elder C. J. Johnson, Leesville, Louisiana

Get your reservations in now. Send in your deposit or payment in full. Your name will be added to the list of supporters of the benefit dinner given in memory of our late founding father, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason for the support of the educational projects within our church.



Mrs. Addie Adair was born on August 12, 1886 to the family union of the late Mr. and Mrs. Young. At the age of twelve (12) years, she confessed Christ and was converted.

On March 15th, 1915, Mother was saved under the ministry of the late Evangelist T. D. Kittrell. The revival meeting was held in a house on North Second Street, near Reno Street in Memphis, and was pastored by the late Elder R. N. Parker. During this meeting, twenty (20) souls were won and Mother Adair was the last of those saved as a result of that great revival.

After having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, Mother went out into the fields as an Evangelist Missionary, holding and working in the street services. Her first Mission work was in a restaurant on Woodlawn Street in North Memphis.

Her membership, later, was placed at the Temple under the leadership of Bishop Roberts and Bishop Mason with Elder Collins serving as the Assistant Pastor. In 1918 Mother proved worthy of her calling and was Licensed as a Missionary. She immediately began to help the Elder in working out several churches.

She become the Sixth (6th) State Mother of Tennessee and served in that office until her "Homegoing" on Monday, July 19, 1971. Her favorite song was reported to be, "Tell It Over Again."

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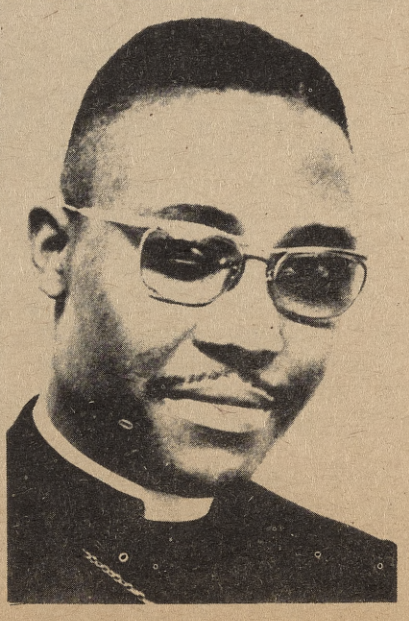
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WED TUESDAY. In an informal "at home" ceremony solemnized by Rev. H.H. Watkins, pastor of Dallas Church of God in Christ, Miss Bettye Ransom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ransom, 2707 East Texas Freeway, became the bride of Rev. A.C. Nelson, pastor of Progressive COGIC. Tuesday night. The newlyweds were photographed as they cut the traditional wedding cake. Miss Ransom was attended by her sister, Mrs. Beatrice Jeffry and Rev. Joe E. Nelson, pastor of Evangelist Temple, attended the groom. The bride was given away by her father. The happy couple repeated their vows in the presence of a large number of friends, many of them from the Compton Chapel COGIC at Beaumont where Rev. A.C. Nelson also pastors. The bride is an outstanding talented musician. After May 20, the newlyweds are home to friends at 9322 Compton, Houston, Texas.



REV. JESSE DELANO ELLIS, II

THE CHEMISTRY OF THE BLOOD

Many thanks to the editors and officers of the Whole Truth Paper for allowing me the chance to share with you some of the simple truths of the bible regarding the blood. I do trust you will glean and be uplifted as you read these articles and learn a new appreciation for that Blood of Jesus Christ.

The articles are divided into five chapters and will be spread out, periodically in this paper. May the Lord bless everyone that shall read and apply that precious blood that gives life to a dying world.

Elder Jesse Delano Ellis, II,

Memphis, Tennessee

CHAPTER ONE

"Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of fowls or of beast, in any of your dwellings. Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people. Leviticus 7:26-27

The bible is a book of blood and a bloody book. When we are accused of preaching a gospel of blood we proudly plead guilty to the charge for the only thing that gives life to our preaching and teaching and power to the word of God is the fact that it is the blood which is the very life and power of the gospel. The bible claims for itself that it is a "living" book and the only living book in the world is able to impart life to those who will believe with their hearts what it teaches. In Hebrews 4, we read these words, "The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edge sword.

The word translated "quick" in this verse in living or alive. The word of God is a living word, wholly distinct from all other books for just one reason, namely that it contains blood circulating through every page and in every verse. From Genesis to Revelation we see the string of blood which imparts to this book the very life of God. Without the blood in the bible it would be like another book and of no more value, for the bible plainly teaches that the "life is in the blood." As we begin this brief series of messages, therefore, on the blood, we must begin with one fundamental principle found in the bible. This fundamental principle is given in Leviticus 17, as follows,

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it it you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the Blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Leviticus 17:11.

This same inspired principle is repeated in the 14th verse where we read it again,

For it(the blood) is the life of all flesh, the blood of it is for the life thereof.

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Church News

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

Greetings to the saints of God everywhere from the pastor, Supt. T. Bush, and saints of the Fresno Wayside Church of God in Christ.

Truly the saints and members of Wayside are yet requesting your prayers for our pastor and Supt., Supt. T. Bush. For we thank God and your prayers that God has delivered him thus far and has brought him home out of the hospital and he is yet in the land of the living, thank God. Although our pastor is yet ill and he's at home recuperating, we are yet solicting your prayers to continue to pray for him and our assistant pastor, Minister L.C. Ivory. For we thank God for delivering Minister Ivory out of the hospital and blessing him to come to church.

Truly we believe God, and we are yet praying that God will deliver our pastor completely. For Psams 34:19 says "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."

We thank God for our Assistant Superintendent, Elder R. Gridiron and District Missionary L. Rhodes for yet carrying the Nazarene District on during our Superintendent's illness.

May God forever bless and keep you, pray for us the saints at Wayside for we're striving to make Heaven our home.

Sis. Shirley Rhodes, Reporter



Rev. Jefferson
Pastor

BELLPORT, N.Y.

Jefferson's Chapel Church of God in Christ

Holy greetings to the saints of God everywhere. I was glad when they said unto me let us go unto the house of the Lord. Psalms, 122:1. We are going on to victory under the leadership of our pastor Elder Ralph Jefferson. It is no secret what God can do what he has done for others he will do for you. It's time to tell of God's goodness for God has blessed our church in a great way. We started here in Bellport just a year and a half and God has blessed us to buy a church, piano, and organ. Our church membership went from twenty, to nearly two hundred, for this is the Lord's doing. Our pastor is just a young man, but a man of faith and sincerity, He spends much of his time praying and ministering to the lost, passing out tracts, and door to door evangelizing. Knowing that we must work while it is day for when night come no man can work.

Somebody said we are living in the last day of church. Saints we just came out of a one week's revival conducted by our pastor and God blessed many, many were saved, and one was filled with the Holy Ghost spoke in tongues as in the days before. Our pastor is praying for the sick, one of our members little baby laid sick in the hospital almost three weeks. The doctor could not reach its case. Our pastor and his dear wife went over one Sunday night and prayed for this child and the Lord touched this child and the second day it was home. Thank God, for God is not short of his promise. He said ask and it shall be given. We are thanking God for our pastor's wife one that work by his side and is right there to encourage the saints, she is a real mother in zion, we have a very good setting of youth they are very sincere in church work. We have two choirs, youth and adult. Our pastor was blessed to attend the Bishop O.M. Kelly Religious Bible School for six years. We are also thanking God for our wonderful State Bishop, Bishop O.M. Kelly. A few years ago gave our pastor the green light. We are also on Radio Station W.P.A.C., every Sunday morning from 8:30 A.M. to 8:45 A.M. Our pastor says that he owes God so much. It was doing the Korean War that he promised God if he would just let him return home once mor , that he would work until the day in done. Our pastor and his wife yet reminds us that we must stay before God. God is the same as he was yesterday.

Tuesday and Friday is our fast day. If you fast you can last, If you pray you can stay, and if you can take it you can make it. Please pray for us that when Jesus come we will be working, watching, and praying. Pray for us as we begin our summer evangelizing, door-meetings tent preaching for many souls lost and need to be found.

Elder Ralph Jefferson, Pastor

Sister Wanda Hughes, Reporter

FORT WORTH, TEXXAS

The Rising Star Church of God in Christ, 2616 Bishop St. Our very fine pastor, Elder R.L. Macklin, State Mother Macklin and lovely daughter Robin plus we the membership extend to the saints everywhere holy greetings in Jesus Dear name.

Thanking the Lord for His blessings in our lives. Thank God for Elder Miller of Los Angeles, California. Who will soon be in our midst for a soul saving revival. We were gald for Mother Macklin attending the National Women's Convention in Detroit, Michigan. This week are also thankful for the Lord enableing us to have paid our church out.

Elder R. L. Macklin, Pastor

Bishop S.D. Lee, State Bishop

Mother J.M. Macklin, State Supervisor

"EASTERN NEW YORK DIOCESE"

Greetings to the people of God everywhere. We the saints of the Eastern New York Diocese, under the leadership of Bishop O.M. Kelly, and Mother Creola Wallace are reporting victory over sin. A large delegation attended the International Women's Convention. Mother Earnestine B. Washington, along with our State Mother Wallace, chartered a Trailways bus, and we motored to Detroit. We enjoyed a lovely trip. Our State Mother went along with her Daughters, on the bus. This reporter has attended quite a few of the Conventions, but , sincerely feel that this was the greatest. The Church at large, owe a. vote of thanks to the Committes, on everything.

Steering, Housing, Planning, Transportation, Feeding, etc. It took a lot of work, and co-operation, to do that gigantic job. It was simply marvelous. The places we dined, the sights we saw, our Hotel space, the menu's, just simply wonderful.

I am a Red Card delegate, myself. And am convinced that the only way to really enjoy the Convention is "RED CARD". Thanks to all that participated in making it the success, that it was. And to our Dr. Mallory, thank you for the enlightening Topics for discussion. We are planning to use them in our State and Districts.

We here in Eastern New York, have something else to be happy about. Two (2) of our girls won the Oratorical Contest at Saints Jr., College. The daughter of Elder and Mrs. Eugene Hallman, (Ruby). Also Edna Foster, daughter of one of our District Missionaries. Then on Wednesday night, June 2, we honored our State Bishop in an

appreciation. The affair was held at Kelly Temple Church of God in Christ, 10-12 East 130th. St.,N.Y.C. The saints came from all over the State to honor this great man of God. This is a yearly affair. The first Wednesday in June. Bishop Kelly enjoyed the Singing, Papers, Solos, and words of expression from his sons and daughters.

Now with thankful hearts, and humble spirits, we honor this man whom God has anointed to lead his people. May you continue to lead us, our prayer.

Sister Jessie Turner, State News Reporter

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10

Greetings to the saints everywhere in the name of Jesus from Ephesian COGIC North, 1709 Alcatraz Ave., Berkeley, Calif.

We at Ephesian do so love and appreciate our pastor, Bishop E. E. Cleveland, and we know that many of you across the nation



also share our feelings for him. God has blessed him to be a international evangelist as well as pastor of two churches. We appreciate,too, his fine companion of 46 years, Mother Mitilda Cleveland. This was so demonstrated on " Appreciation Night for Mother Matilda Cleveland," Friday, May 7. Mother Cleveland has been saved since the age of seven years and, from the numerous testimonies regarding her that were told that night, she is indeed a portrait of the virtuous woman as described in Proverbs, chapter 31. The saints related how all through the years she has held up a standard of holiness and has been exemplary in all her dealings. Some told of how she has worked elbow-to-elbow with them in the kitchen doing whatever needed to be done. Others thanked her for the hospitality shown to them as guests in her home, affectionately known as the "big house." The writer of this column can witness that the door is always opened and the welcome mat is always out at the home of our Bishop and his wife. Many of the evangelists and others visiting here stay at the Cleveland home. Among Mother's children, number ing seven living, are professionals in the realm of business, as well as preachers of the gospel.

Speakers for the evening was State and International supervisor, Mother Mattie McGlothen, speaking from Proverbs 31:30-31. Mother McGlothen described Mother Cleveland as a woman who feareth the Lord, and exhorted us to give her the praise that she is due. We were further exhorted to "give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates."

God's continued blessings; to the dear wife of our pastor, Mother Matilda Cleveland.

During the month of May, we were blessed with a two-week revival in which Rev. James Njoroje of Kenya, Africa so richly brought us to word of God. In one service, Rev Njoroje, whose English differs from our, sounding more like the British, chose as his topic "Accent." He examined the accent of such words as Satan, the Blood (of Jesus), and the Holiness of God: preaching that we must know the works of Satan so that we can guard against him; that we must cherish the precious blood of Jesus, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins; and that everything we do must stem from the holiness of God. He then posed the question

The beautiful spacious Chapel of the State Headquarters of the Church of God in Christ, Texas South Central Diocese was the setting for the first "Bettye Ransom Music Recital on Saturday night, May 29, 1971.

It was a tremendeous success, with all students performing quite well. The two most outstanding students was, Glenda JaNean Henderson and Gyles Collins. However, all students recieved certificates for exceptional performance.

The Bettye Ransom Music Studio located at 9311 Compton St., is growing in student enrollment each week. Summer classes will be taught from 9:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M. Persons wanting to enroll must do so immediately. Classes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only.

Picture above is a few of the 35 students already enrolled. For information you may call Mrs Bettye Ransom Nelson at 633-0685 or 631-0476, or you may come to 9311 Compton on any class day. Mrs. Bettye Ransom Nelson, Teacher; Rev. A. C, Nelson, Jr., Manager.

to the church, "Where is the accent of each word placed in your lives?"

Rev. Njoroje held a question and answer session on Young People's Night, giving the youth the opportunity to ask any question they might have about Africa. Questions directed to him ranged from "How did you first hear about Jesus?" to "Is there a generation-gap in Africa?" He drew loud applause when in answer to the question, "What do the Africans think of the search for Afro-American identity taking place in America today?", Rev. Njoroje announced that the Africans love their brethren in this country and would welcome us to their country at any time, either as visitors or as missionaries.

God Bless you, Rev. James Njoroje of Kenya, Africa.

Bishop E.E. Cleveland, Pastor

Elder Joe king, Asst. Pastor
Mother Myrtle Moore, Church Mother

Sis. Marcella Scruggs, Reporter

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Church News

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Greetings from Lane Avenue Church of God in Christ to the saints everywhere. We thank God for His many blessings unto us.

On May15th, 1971. We celebrated the one hundredth (100th) birthday of Brother Frank Pruitt. Brother Pruitt is a faithful member of the church. He received gifts and money. Mrs. Henrietta Ward and Mrs. Willie Mae Morehead served as hostessess to this event.

Elder A.B. McEwen Jr., Pastor

Sister Daisy Howell, Reporter

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Holy greetings to the saints everywhere. God's man of faith and power is back again. Bishop Baby Stokes has been on the evangelistic field for twenty-eight years Nationally of the Church of God in Christ. He is a man that is loved by all. He has been in the various states of this country such as Chicago, Illinois, New York, Philadelphia, Georgia and Florida, some parts of Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Washington, D.C., Indiana and Michigan.

God Bless in all the Churches of God in Christ. We of the Bibleway Church of God in Christ are asking the Evangelist Baby Stokes come back again.

BISHOP WM.B. WILLIAMS OF MINNESOTA INJURED!

Bishop Wm. B. Williams, Bishop of Minnesota Jurisdiction, Church of God in Christ, fell and broke a bone in his thigh on Easter Sunday morning. He was returning home from Sunrise Services.

Bishop Williams spent six weeks in the Metropolitan Medical Center. He has now returned home where he will be recuperating for another four months.

The injury served to severly upset Bishop Williams' entire nervous system. It also is keeping him from his church services and activities which is really hard to bear for this energetic churchman.

Prayers for Bishop Williams are requested of all the saints. Cards and flowers should he sent in care of: 2015-22nd Avenue, South Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406.

Bishop Williams is also the pastor of Emmanuel Tabernacle Church of God in Christ.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Elder W. F. Faust pastor and Supt: of the Jacksonville District and members send Holy greetings to the saints of God everywhere. The Lord is yet blessing us in a great way each Sunday. The messages that are being given, gives us strength to go on.

Messages brought to us for May from our pastor Elder Faust, Elder Phillip Bright and Elder C. Reed, Youth Day the young missionaries Sharon Jones and Jewel Goives.

Missionary Day, Elizabeth Croom and Dorothy Fisher brought two great messages each one was food for our souls.

Sister Henrietta Sharp, brought her first message from St. John 15th, chapter. "If you love me keep my commandments."

The district just closed a very successful and spiritual, Holy convention. Elder Faust pastor and supt., along with the District Missionary S.P. Summers, J.E. Williams, State Bishop.

The meeting was well attended day and night. The day services were conducted by the district missionary. Each day a special topic was carried out as a panel discussions as follow.
1. Tuesday Morning: "Be sure of Your Calling" 2. Wednesday: "The Weight that Hinder from Growing" 3. Thursday: "How Can I Be Saved" 4. Friday: "The Role of the Church Mother"

Saturday the Sunshine Band rendered a beautiful program under the leadership of the presidents and assistants.

Freddie Mae Jones, Cynthia Robinson, Sister O.S. Anderson, Mother Butler, Sister Tolbert, Nettie Jones and Durham. Sunday the Supt. Elder Faust closed the meeting with a soul stirring sermon on the church and members on the past and of today, The Spirit was high throughout the meeting.

Pray for our continued success .

Nettie Durham, Reporter Elder W.F. Faust, Pastor

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The members of the Pentecostal Church of God in Christ are yet thanking God for him many blessings that he has bestowed upon us.

God has bless our church with a two week soul saving revival conducted by our pastor. God came in and revived our souls and brought backsliders back and gave his mighty power of the Holy Ghost to those that was on the altar crying out for it.

God is moving in our church in a special way. In our revival a seven year old little girl and her father received the Holy Ghost. The child spoke in tongues like she have been having the Holy Ghost for years. The church is still rejoicing over the new birth that was of a spiritual nature.

Our church was without a pastor for over a year or more. We did not know who God was going to send, but, we waited patiently on the Lord until we were blessed with a pastor. Our pastor is a man that is concerned about the people, he is consecrated as a man of God, he is a man that believes in prayer and believes prayer changes things. The spirit of God moves on our pastor so that when he prays he rocks the church and we all go up praising the Lord.

We are going all the way out asking God to save in our family and bring backsliders back and save everywhere. We have some unspoken request, we are asking the saints everywhere to take time off and remember us in prayer. We know that God can do anything but fail. We are asking saints to remember District Missionary Nannie Barlette that God will give her complete deliverance. Saints everywhere pray for us that we will continue in faith and that we will reach the mountain top that we may meet our Master there and that He will say well done my good and faithful servants.

Elder William Smith, Pastor

Sister Barbara Lockhart, Reporter

NEW MEXICO

"These are the feasts of the Lord, even Holy Convocations which ye shall proclaim." Lev. 23:4

Holy greetings to the saints of the most high God everywhere. We the pastors and their congregation of the Western district of the state of New Mexico are marching forward under the leadership of our district superintendent Rev. H. Patterson. On December 3rd, God blessed us to have the first district Sunday School Convention every held in the State.

The Lord richly blessed us with a great service day and night. The convention was held in Las Cruses, New Mexico, The host pastor Rev. C. Bell and his members spared no pains to make every thing pleasant for us, their hospitality was superb.

The district superintendent Rev. H. Patterson was such an inspiration, to the convention he instucted us in the way of the Lord every day, we all enjoyed his wholesome instruction.

Our district field representative Mrs. M. Smith came forth each night with a beautiful program. The various choirs sang and made melody to the glory and honor of God out of their hearts.

The convention was opened on the first night with a musical program by the Host pastor Rev. C. Bell. God blessed him to erect this beautiful edifice which was dedicated in October 1970.

On Thurdsay, December 4, Supt. H. Patterson preached a powerful message found Matt. 4:4. Text "Man Shall Not Live by Bread Alone." Truly we enjoyed this dymatic message. Friday woman's Day was most glorious. The district representative official message was brought by Missionary H. Patterson, truly our hearts burned while she brought forth the word of God it was a message for the hour, found St. Luke 18:5 Subject: "Mastering Discouragements." God truly annointed this great woman. May she live a long time so she will teach the unadulterated gospel. Saturday the host pastor had a motor cade sight-seeing-tour to White Sands, N.M., it was most enjoyable.

Saturday night was the high light night of the convention Supt. W. Moore brought the message. We thank God for the saints from Albuquerque, Deming, Almagardo and El Paso, Texas.

We have a district Sunday School Superintendent (National Evangelist Rev. D. Jackson) that is second to none he is always on fire for God and his darling wife was hy his side. Our district Supt. lives in Albuquerque, N. Mexico. Two free meals was served each day by the host pastor and congregation.

We are looking forward, if the Lord delay his coming to meet in another Sunday School Convention.

Pray for us,

Western District Reporter Nancy Benjamin

THE 18TH ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE TOLEDO DISTRICT NO. 1

Convened at Zion Church of God in Christ, 1215 Oakwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio Monday 24 thru Sunday, May 30, 1971. Presiding was Elder T.T. Thomas, District Superintendent. Sis. Bertha Byrd, District Missionary.

"Running with Patience"

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:1.

There was good singing, preaching, and praying for the sick each day and night.

On Monday night, May 24: A pre-musical was held by the youth department. They had a real spiritual program and had a wonderful time.

On Tuesday night, May 25: Elder Paul Walker-Wilcox Street C.O.G.I.C. and Elder Robert Cunningham-United C.O.G.I.C. were in charge for Tuesday night service. Elder Robert Cunningham gave the message that night. He spoke from St. John 3:1. Text: "You must be born again."

On Wednesday night, May 26: Elder T.T. Thomas-Zion C.O.G.I.C. The Sunshine Band and the Youth Choir both gave an A&B selection. Sis. Pricilla Coleman directed the Sunshine Band, and Min. Terry Cook, the Youth Choir. Mother Fitzgerald from Memphis, Tenn.,gave words of testimony. Elder W.D. Phillips-True C.O.G.I.C. of Swanton, Ohio preluded. Elder Phillips text was "Thou shalt be Saved" taken from Romans 10:9-15.

On Thursday night, May 27: The Mount Olivet C.O.G.I.C. from Lima, Ohio sang as A. selection. There were three wonderful testimonies from newly saved young people. Their testimonies were really inspiring. Elder Webster preached out of his heart. His text was "Grow up and Grow In" taken from II Peter 3:13-18. Also those three testimonies were from young people who are members of Elder Webster's church.

On Friday night, May 28: Women's Day was in full swing with Sis. Bertha Byrd, District Misssionary in charge. On the program emceed by Sis. Lorain Thomas. Sis. Harriet Gregory gave a reading, entitled "Fit but Nor Hardly Ready." Bro. Lawrence Glover played a saxophone solo entitled "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Missionary Byrd spoke from 1st. chapter of James. Her subject was "Weight Watching." Sis. Webster of Lima, Ohio also gave a spirit filled message of "Hold up your Light." Taken from Ephesian 5:8.

Missionary Byrd was presented a lovely rocking chair as a love token from the saints. This token of love was promoted by the First Lady, Sis. Louise Thomas.

On Saturday night, May 29: The Sunshine Band and Purity Class and the Y.P.W.W. combined to make Youth Night service a success. To final out the service, the District Y.P.W.W. president, Min. J. Shelby preached from First Thessalonians 5:1-2. "Christ's Coming as a Thief in the Night."

On Sunday, May 30, OFFICIAL DAY: The final day of our meeting ended with a wonderful message from the Superintendent Elder T.T. Thomas. His text was, "Let Us Rise Up and Build". Nehemiah 2:18. Holy Communion was taken after the sermon.

Elder T.T. Thomas, Pastor Leslie L. Criss, Reporter

TEXAS

Holy Greetings to the saints of God everywhere. We the saints of the Israel Temple Church of God in Christ are pressing toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God under the leadership of our pastor, Elder A. White. Our pastor put on a two night meeting and one day. We were favored with the presence of Elder A. Smith from Beaumont, Elder B. R. Brown of Beaumont as Speakers, we were blessed with an outpour of the spirit on each night.

On the last day of the meeting we were favored with a very great Speaker and a very close friend of our Pastor., Elder Hall and his loving members.

Pray for our Pastor and his wife and the entire Church that we will be the family of saints that the Lord is calling for in this day and time of evil days.

Elder A. White, Pastor
Sister Gracie Mae Brown, Reporter

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Fifth Jurisdiction

"Be of good courage and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord."

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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We are grateful to God for our State Supervisor of Women, Mother S. T. McClain who succeeded the Late Mother Mary A. Davis.

Mother McClain worked faithfully by the side of Mother Davis during her declining years, a very meek and humble servant of the Lord. She motored with thirty-eight delegate women to the Women's International Convention in Detroit. Our state is continually growing under the leadership of Mother McClain and Bishop Green.

We are thankful for the fellowship of Mother Jessie B. Ford. The Lord is our creator and redeemer, let us bow in reverence and faith before Him. Let us declare to the World that He is our God. Bless His high and holy name. Mother Ford is happy to express her gratitude for the leaders God has given. Her soul was inspired as she sat and listened to our beloved President of the International Women's Convention, Dr. A. L. Bailey, Dr. A. Mallory, Cora Berry and others.

She was inspired to go back to do a better job for the Lord. May we continue to pray and seek God. May we endeavor to be lights to those in darkness.

A PENTECOSTAL CELEBRATION

The first of this year Bishop L. T. Walker of Arkansas, N. E. was inspired to call a solemn assembly of the entire state. As Bishop Walker prayed this inspiration grew. The Lord gave him a recalling of pentecost. The time was fifty days after Easter Sunday. The service was held at the state Headquarters Building, "The Ebenezer Church of God in Christ," 2924 E. 6th Street, Little Rock, Ark. The saints of N. E. Ark. enjoyed the glorious Holy Ghost filled days fasting and praying. The last three days they were in a shut-in. All day and night the saints called upon the name of the Lord. God gave Bishop Walker to ask Evangelists Dewitt Hill of Pine Bluff, Ark. and W. B. Laird of St. Louis, Mo., to conduct this meeting. Many souls were revived and saved. Backsliders were reclaimed and bodies were healed. Those that were saved were baptized the Friday night during the shut-in service.

On the day of Pentecost, May 30, consecrated orange juice and soup was served to all of those that went through the fast. Healing cloths were given out. The building was filled to its capacity and some were not able to get a seat each night.

This was the greatest Spiritual meeting held in the state during Bishop Walker's presiding. It has been declared an Annual Celebration each year in this state by Bishop Walker and the Board of Elders.

Miss A. Bunting, Reporter

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

We, the congregation of the Gate of Heaven Church of God in Christ honored our Pastor and his wife, Elder & Sis. Joseph E. Bass, Sr., Superintendent of the Uniontown District in the jurisdiction of Western Pennsylvania, during our 30th Annual Appreciation Service. The Appreciation service took place during the week of June 6 through June 13. Elder Bass' oldest son, Elder Joseph E. Bass, Jr., Pastor of Lingo Temple Church of God in Christ, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, preached the first message, which started the week-long service. Various other preachers from the Western Pennsylvania area rendered soul stirring messages each night.

Highlighting the Appreciation service was a program entitled, I Remember When. The theme song was Precious Memories. During this program, several members of the church and community in which our Pastor presides recalled many pleasant and joyous memories about him, which they related during the services. These memories included people who had been healed through the prayers of our Pastor, some whose lives had been spared, and acknowledgement of of his teachings, which has kept many a person from the wrong step, and even some who had disobeyed his teachings and suffered the consequences were not ashamed to tell it.

The week long Appreciation service ended on Sunday afternoon, June 13. Elder W. J. Jerry, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, preached the annual Appreciation Message. A financial presentation, from the church, was made to our Pastor by Elder Jerry. Also, each family within the local church presented gifts to the Pastor and his wife. At this time a plaque was presented to Elder Bass by the young people of the church, which stated:

"The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity." Malachi 2: 6

We, the congregation of the Gate of Heaven Church of God in Christ, respect and honor our Pastor as a father, and a man sent from God with a work to do here in the city of Monessen. We realize that he would not be able to accomplish the things he does, except we know for certainty that God is with him. We feel that had it not been for his constant prayers and teachings, and services through prosperous times, as well as less prosperous times, we would not be saved today. And, this Annual Appreciation Service is only a small token of our love and esteem for our Pastor. We wish him many more years of service for God, with our prayers and willing cooperation, for we feel that he is worthy of all that we can do. We feel that he is one who has ruled his life, his family, and his congregation well, and we know that the Elder who rules well is worthy of double honour.

Congregation of the Gate of Heaven Church of God in Christ

Reporter: Sis. Doris P. Bass

BISHOP BARKER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Bishop V. M. Barker, one of the last remaining Bishops of the early Church. Who played a prominent part in formulating the policy of our church reached his 90th birthday June 24th. Bishop Barker pioneered the work of the Church of God in Christ in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska, he preached out and established many churches in these states.

A birthday celebration honoring Bishop Barker was held at the St. Augustine Parish House in Kansas City, June 26th Sponsored by the State Hospitality Board. Mrs. Essie D. Stubbs, and many prominent citizens crowded the rooms and gathered around the three tiered cake with its 90 candles glowing to say Happy Birthday to Bishop Barker. Along with Sister Barker, his children and grandchildren they thoroughly enjoyed the delicious repasts, tributes and presents given to Bishop Barker in honor of his Birthday.

CHRIST IN AN AUTOMOBILE

We Christians too often think of Christ as a person who lived many years ago- some 2,000 years ago-in far-off Galilee where He went about doing good, healing the sick, and teaching by telling the parables we are all so familiar with. The parable of the good samaritan, the parable of the good and bad servant, and the parable of the salt and that of the light. We remember the pictures of Jesus in our illustrated Bibles. He appears in in our mind's eyes as the Good Shepherd wearing long golden hair, beards, anc mustache, dressed in long white robe, and carrying the shepherd's crook. Or as a child in the Temple talking to the elders and astonishing them with His wisdom. It is well so to think of the Master as He went about doing good and preaching good in the long ago. Many people of many nationalities in the years since He walked the earth have journeyed to the Holy Land in the hope of coming closer to Him in that setting.

But how often do we think of LIVING CHIRST the Christ who is vital in this day and age-here and now and who is the most powerful influence in our world today? It is He who lives in the hearts and minds of millions of Christians throughout the world and even occupies an important place in the lives of many who do not call themselves by His name.

It occurs to me it would be helpful to picture Christ in a particular modern setting. How would he look driving an automobile? You ask, "How is it possible to do that? That is so different from my ordinary thinking about the Master." It is possible to draw a very accurate and natural picture of the Master driving an automobile. A review of His own teachings clearly reveals the sort of driver he would be. It is perhaps not necessary to picture Him behind the wheel of an automobile as a man of any partucular size, age, dress, or color, of hair or eyes, or complexion. But I do think that He would appear manly and courageous and would be wearing a smile on His face and would not be scowling at the other drivers on the road.

Why do I think it would be helpful to picture the Master driving a car? Because it seems that for some reason we Christians often appear to be least like Christ when we are driving.

How can we know how Christ would appear when driving a car? We could recognize Him by the way He drove. How can we know how He would drive? We can know this surely from what He taught us.

He is the One who gave us the Rule that is basic to all rules of the road. THE GOLDEN RULE' "Whatever you wish that men do to you, do so to them." Furthur He said, "A new commandment I give unto you that you love one another; even as I love you, that you love one another ." And again, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

With these teachings of His in mind, I feel sure that no matter how big and new and shiny and powerful His car, He would not drive so fast and recklessly as to endanger others on the road. He set a high value on human life for He said, "Why even the hairs on you head are all numbered." He would not pass on a blind curve, or on a hill, or at an intersection, or a long string of cars on a crowded road to serve some small selfish interest at the expense of danger to the life and limb of His neighbor.

He would take care to set a good example for younger drivers for He said "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone round his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea." He set such a high value on children that I feel certain He would take special care in driving near a school or where children are playing.

He would not get angry and flick His strong lights up to get even with the driver He met who did not lower his. How do I know He would not? Because He taught, "Love your enemies, do good to those that hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." He would not crowd pedestrains off the crosswalk or come rushing up to crosswalks and stop with a screech of brakes frightening pedestrains half to death. You can all think of other bad and selfish driving practices that He would not indulge in. Perhaps you can remember that you did indulge in some of these yesterday of even today and perhaps you will compare yourself to the DRIVER CHRIST to your disadvantage.

The Master would not be overly critical of the other fellow's driving. You remember He said, "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

One more thought- He would not shout at the other fellow who makes a mistake in driving, "You fool." For it was He who said, "Whoever says, "You fool" shall be liable to the hell of fire."

To sum up-if our Master should appear on our roads driving a car we would surely recognize Him for He would drive as a Christian should.

What do you suppose would be the effect if all drivers of automobiles, trucks, and busses in the United States would set up as their ideal in driving THE IMITATION OF CHIRIST? What would happen if they would all suddenly determine to drive as they imagine that Christ would drive if He were driving in their place? Over-night there would be a great and magnificent transformation in an important phase of American life.

Every year around 55,000 people are killed in motor vehicle accidents, more than 1,000,000 are injured, several hundred thousand of them seriously injured. Many more people have been killed in motor vehicle accidents in the United States than in all the wars that the United State has ever been engaged in. Many of these accidents results from wrong attitudes on the part of the drivers, from un-Christian-like attitudes-from trying to get ahead of the other fellow, from lack of consideration for the rights of others, from petty selfishness, from trying to save a few minutes time at the risk of endangering the lives and limbs of others, from throwing Christianity to the winds when a most important places to be a Christian is out in public when we are driving, then we are where all can see and know whether or not we are really true followers of the Master. Let us drive as we imagine He would drive and how He would want us to drive. "By their fruits ye shall know them".

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TRANSITION

Before the close of 1970 the death angel came in and claimed the lives of three pioneers of Williams Temple, Church of God In Christ, Cleveland., Ohio. Elder Warren Miller is pastor.

Elder Harold Clayton one of the pillows of this church left to mour his passing, a devoted wife, Mother Viola Clayton, one son, Harold Jr. and other relatives and friends.

Mother Rosetta Freely, the beloved Mother of District Missionary and assistant church mother, Mother Callie Gould went to be with the Lord, December 19, 1970.

Mother Freely reached the ripe age of 93. Quite unasuming, active almost until the time of her home-going. She asked the Lord to take, then she quietly slept away.

Besides her daughter, Mother Callie Gould, she left a son, Mr. Henry Freely, of Birmingham, Ala.

On December 28, 1970, Elder James Robert Williams, (known as Elder J. R.) answered the Roll Call.

Elder J. R. Williams had no competition in his line of duty, for he was a servant to all, and official in his district, Sunday school and Y.P.W.W. teacher. Pulpit aide. No job was too humble for him. He made every stranger of Williams Temple feel at home.

He left behind, Eld. W. Williams of Willington, Del. One sister, Mrs. Marie Meo, of New York, several neices and nephews.

By Beatrice S. Lott

FRANCISTOWN, BOTSWANA, SOUTHERN AFRICA

Greetings and we also pray with you, that the year 1971 will prove to be another year of progress and successful expansion and many victories in His name.

"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage."Psalms 27:14. It is generally easier to be active than idle. If your mind is as active, and your hands are engaged in constructive work, time passes so quickly and enjoyably that you long for its extension. Yet there is a danger in business. If you continue to be busy without giving time to know the reason or purpose for such business, you will eventually discover that you have become chained to a treadmill that keep you very busy without accomplishing any useful purpose.

To be effectively busy you must know the self-imposed discipline of withdrawing from the routine of life, to view the scene from the sidelines and assess the worth of what you are doing. If you find this difficult to do ask God to help you. This is no pious platitude divorced from reality,, but the acme of common sense.

When you assess the worth of what you are doing by God's standards, you bring a sense of the eternal to bear upon your temporal interests, and your values and attitudes are evolutionized. You see things in their true light, and because you have asked for God's co-operation, you experience the power to do what is right.

God's standards are true for they are spiritual, but you need spiritual perception to understand them. This is given to those who share time with God in the waiting periods of life that have been developed for this purpose.

Now Brothers and Sisters: are you aware of the fact that God created a man for a purpose, a purpose not to drift--but to spend our energies positively for Him and His Kingdom? The purpose of God to have created a man was to spread the Gospel to the dying souls. It seems that the people in the United States of America, for the most part are Gospel foundlings. But what about foreign countries like Africa? Indeed, Africa needs your prayers and service. Can you help with a donation of free-will offerings, no matter how small. Please write me today:

Bishop S.S.M. Maimela P.O. Box 397, Francistown, Botswana, Southern Africa.

Yours Brother in Christ Bishop S.S.M. Maimela



ELDER CLEAVE LATCHISON

THEME: IF I WERE YOUNG

A young Black boy or girl living in Flint, Mich. today, has more opportunities at their disposal than a Black man has had in any other time since the world began. Mott Foundation Program's are studied the world over. If I were young I would get the best education available, an educated man or woman can not only ask but he can demand, and the demand is great for prepared men and women today, whatever field I would choose I would strive to the best. Flint has produced some. Black leaders that you could very well emulate. Mr. Otis Smith was the first Black Supreme Court Justice, Mr. Floyd McCree was the first Black Mayor of large northern city, Mr. Don Coleman was Flint's first Black All-American Guard Mr. Roosevelt Ridgeway is a very highly successful business man, the sole owner of a Electrical Company and also several large Housing Projects. These men didn't achieve this by running screaming "Black Power." Black Power without Black Know-how and Black money is only a

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NEWS FROM ENGLAND

Church of God in Christ, Inc.
Bishop L. Ashmeade, State Overseer

"Oh give thanks to the Lord for His mercy endureth forever"

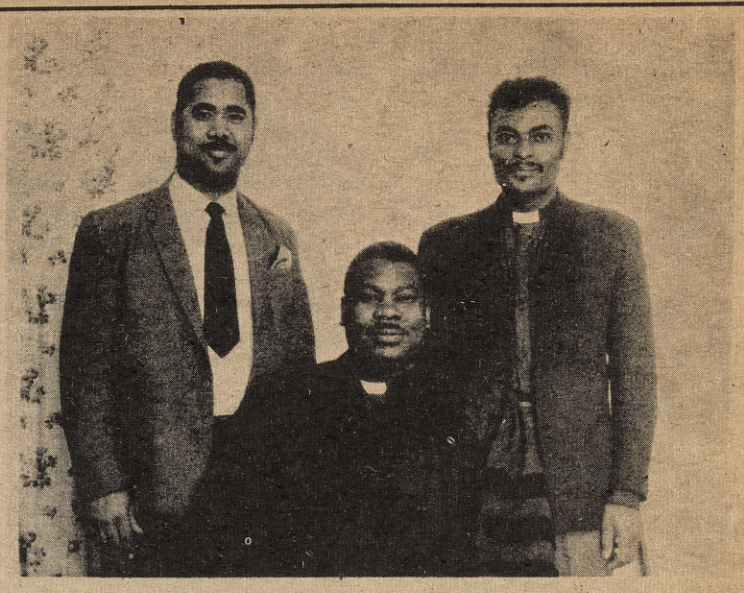
We the Saints from England do praise God for the Saints everywhere. Most of all for our beloved Presiding Bishop Patterson, and also to our national and International Supervisor, and to all God's people everywhere, we are yet grateful to report that we are still on the victory side of the Lord.

We are grateful for what God has been to us since the beginning of this year, many got saved and been filled with the Holy Ghost. Many received healing. I read the article of the Reverend Clarence Black of Avon Park, Florida. I think this is glorious. I know Supt. Black for the last ten years and he is just the same today as the time I have known him. Where I am today in the Ministry is through him and his officers of Avon Park, Deacon McRay and others. So I praise God to know that God had smile on Sister Black after hearing of her illness. I began to pray knowing that God was able to heal all manner od diseases. As he said "I am the Lord thy God that healeth thee". I want to say to Elder Black, "keep doing thy work that God appointed you to do". Your son is praying for you. God is moving here in England.

On the 16th February about 5 o'clock in the morning, I saw the Lord in my vision, after he over-shadowed me he said to me." I want you to lay hands o on the sick". I got up with the vision ringing in my soul. While I was on my alter the very morning, The Lord revealed it to me that I should havesome prayer handkerchiefs, During this time I have sent out 100 handkerchiefs. On the 24th February, I visited Birmingham after my message that night there was a young man there with a ulcerated stomach, in my prayer line I laid hands on hin and also gave him one of the handkerchief, the wife testified that on Saturday morning the following week he was in a rage with his stomach, as if he was going to faint. He laid the handkerchief, on his stomach and in five minutes after laying the handkerchief, the ulcer was out by the root. She praise God so much that she even woke up the next door neighbours.

On the 14th March, I went back to Birmingham. I visited another assembly after Church that evening, the Pastor said to me that there was a young man that the doctor said was going to be blind. I could not get to this young man, but I gave the Pastor one of the handkerchiefs when I saw the young God had marvellously healed his sight.

On Palm Sunday the 3rd April, we had a sister who had just got saved in Cricklewood, and she attend our Palm Sunday Service in Luton. In the prayer line she brought her two children one was seven, and one was three. The seven year old one had something growing in her throat,



BISHOP L. ASHMEADE, DEACON HUNTER, REV. L. ROSE, England

that the doctor said he did not know about. In the prayer line, I laid hands on the child, and told God right now to heal the child and at the same time I saw the Spirit of Mother Eliza Dabbney who had gone to Glory, was in the Temple. God immediately removed the lump that was growing in the throat. After I laid hands on the girl, she got healed immediately. The boy who had never talked words, the doctor said that he was born dumb, but God opened his mouth and he began to talk, and the mother began to praise the Lord for God's love towards her. There are many more that I could mention, but time would not afford me. Here is a testimony from one of our Sisters, that the Lord had taken out of her body, this is marvellous in the sight of GOD.

May the dear Lord bless and keep you. You can write for your Prayer handkerchiefs now. It will help you.

Address your letters to: Church of God in Christ, Inc.
La Beech Road
Luton, Beds, England.

LA BEECH ROAD, LUTON, BEDS ENGLAND

On Sunday I was lying on the floor when the Angel of the Lord visited me. I was taken away. My body was still lying on thefloor, but my spirit in me was taken out of my body. (Glory to God). The Angel of God took me away. While I was going I could still see my body on the floor. I was taken to a beautiful river The river was so beautiful and was glistening with the glory of God.

On the far side of the river stood some people dressed in white appeared. They were the most beautiful people that our eyes behold. On the front of the river were two Angels standing beside the one that was with me. You could see the Glory of God. As it filled the place where we stood, then suddenly there was a voice talking and everybody stood still as if they were dead.

The voice said I must go and tell my people that if they want to come over the beautiful riverside, they have to be like these people. The voice said to Pray for Pastor Rose, and Pastor Campbell. They must not defit the garment. How be it that was not the name they were called. They were call different names, but they were shown unto me in the spiritual form. God do not deal in a flash. Thus Saith God I was being shown a different mystery, but this one I cannot reveal till the appointed times of God. After that I wanted to go over the river, but the angel said if I did go over I would not return.

I was then taken back to my body.This was what I got by the beautiful river. Pray for us

Sister Sinclair

NOTICE

The Church of God in Christ, Inc. England, First Jurisdicstion 9th Holy Convocation commence August 24th to 30th. You are invited to attend, Write to me now.

Dear Bishop Ashmeade,

I will like to attend your Convocation. Please make my reservation August 24th to 30th.

TESTIMONY

"Asked and it shall be given, God has done great things for me, where of I am glad."

Holy greetings to the Saint's of God everywhere: This letter leave me saved and sanctified. I am writing this testimony to tell the Saint's what God has done for me. "What He does for one he surely can do for others." Sometime in January I found a "Lump in my breast." We were in a month's Revival. The saint's prayed for me, seem as though my patience wasn't long enough, therefore I went to the doctor on Febuary 27th, 1971. He scheduled me for surgery on March 4, 1971. I was somewhat nervous before going into the hospital. "But God eased my mind. He gave me courage and consolation that He was with me." I didn't worry anymore, "Because a little voice spoke to me saying be still and know that I am God." God worked a miracle in my life.

The doctor found cancer in my breast, they removed the breast. My doctor told my family that I would be in the hospital for (3) three weeks. I was only there for

13 days. Five days after my first operation, I had my second operation, they could not find tumors in my abdomen. (Thank God) They were going to give me Cobolt Treatments which is Radiation Therapy. Because the

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IF I WERE YOUNG
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empty meaningful slogan.

I would demand respect by my sincerity, my attitude and my own self respect. If you don't respect yourself no-one will. I would not let myself become bitter If I failed and someone said if you try and don't succeed try and try again. No one has ever contributed anything to society who is a frequent visitor at a pool room, a gambling joint, or a bar, these places are the training schools for hustlers, pimps, prostitutes, number runners, and dope peddlers.

If I were young, I would choose my field and strive to master my education. Hard work and studying never killed anybody, but laziness will cause one to to steal lie, cheat, and sometime kill.

I think of Arthur Ashe as a world reknown because he was a master in his field, and to name a few others who hurdled the obstacles of race segregation and discrimination to become masters in their fields: Mr. Thurgood Marshall, Supreme Court Justice. I think of Joe Louis, Wilt Chamberlin, Hank Aaron, Sammy Davis Jr, and James Brown. These men made it because they kept trying to succeed; preparation and determination

If I were young I would guard my health. I would eat the proper foods, get lots of exercise and rest. These are essential to good health. I would cultivate clean habits, read good books, and I would not defile my body with Beer, Wine, Whiskey, Cigarettes, or dope. I would choose my friends. I would not associate with boys and girls that I knew had these habits because the Bible says: "That evil communication corrupts good moral." Many alcholics can remember the time they took there first drink because their friends were drinking. Many dope addicts can remember the first sniff he took because his friends were sniffing and he got hooked on the habit.

If I were young I would save myself my for wife. I would not indulge in sex, because sex is only for married people. Pre-marital sex is for the birds. Young people be honest at all cost; honesty is the best policy. Tell the truth if it cost your best. Dishonesty is never justified. If you have to be dishonest to get anything it is not worth having. Young people learn to think for yourself, don't do anything just because everybody else does it. If it is not right don't do it. Don't be a show off. Many young kids have lost their lives trying to show off. Don't run after every fad that comes out. Now we have a natural hairdos and mini skirts for girls and long sides burns and bushy hair and bell bottoms for boys. If you are nothing without these things, you are nothing with them. Clothes does not make a man but man makes clothes. Also we have many slogan such as: Black Power, and Black is Beautiful; a Black fist without Black Knowledge and green money is just a Black fist. It is not a symbol of Black Power. Black is Beautiful when it is educated. Black is Beautiful when it is united. Black is beautiful when Black men pool their money and open Black Banks, Black Super Markets, Black Chain restaurants, Black Electrical Companies, Black Real Estate Brokers, Black Lawyers, Black Judges, Black Doctors, Black College Presidents. Black is Beautiful when Black men march to the poll and vote intelligently. Black is Beautiful when Black men respect their own women, stop beating them and leaving them with five or six of his children to be raised on welfare or A.D.C. then and only then Black is Beautiful.

In my conclusion If I were young I would dedicate my life to God in my youth. Someone had said that a child saved is a soul saved plus a life. There is always a place for the young people in the service of the Lord. Solomon had some advice for the young generation in his day he told them to remember thy creator in the days of thy youth, he told them not the lean to thy own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.

God called a young lad name Joseph, he was hated by his brothers, sold for 20 pieces of silver, carried down into Egypt but Potiphar made him overseer of all of all his houses. He was with wicked people but God was with him. One day his master's wife asked him to lie with her, Joseph said how can I do this great wickness and sin against God, but the woman tried to force Joseph, Joseph ran, lost his coat, but he kept his virtue. Sometimes Boys and Girls you have to run to save your virtue, run to save your testimony, run to save your joy. Another young man refused to be called the son of Pharoah's daughter choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season esteeming the reproaches of Christ greater than the pleasures of Egypt.

Young people if you have a talent use it for the Glory of God. I think about .Nat King Cole raised up in the Baptist Church, he gave his God given talent to the world, he died at 45 with lung cancer. I think of Otis Redding used to sing with a quartet, he started singing the blues, died in a airplane crash he went to a early grave. Also Sam Cooke lead singer in a church quartet, he also started singing in night clubs, he was murded in a Los Angeles Motel fighting about a cheap prostitute, a prominent minister's daughter used to be the lead soloist in his church, she also turned to blues singing. Children don't take your God given talent and serve the devil. Isaiah told the youth of his generation, hath thy not known, hath thou not heard that the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary, and there is no searching of his understanding, he giveth power to the faint and those who have and might he increaseth strength, he said that some yout would faint and be weary and some would utterly fall, but they that stand the tests, they that yield not to temptation, they that keep their testimonies they that stand up for the righteousness, they that stand up for holiness, that that stand up for Jesus, they that keep there garment clean, if they wait on the Lord, he will renew their strength, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint, they shall be like the cedars of the Lebanon, they shall be like the Palm trees of Palestine, they shall be like the tree planted by the rivers of waters, that bringeth forth fruit in his season, his leaf shall not wither, and whatsoever he doth he shall prosper.

If I were young I would strive to make a record in the world but I would strive much harder to make it in the church.

Amen

Sermon By: Elder William Montgomery
Pastor: Elder Cleave Latchison
Reporter: Sis. Natalie Payne

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cancer was in my Chest Wall. While the doctor was operating, "My God" was working without a knife.

God removed all the cancer cells. (Hallelujah). The doctor examined me and could not understand what happened: The doctor said that I did not need any Cobolt Treatments at all. My doctor sent me to the "Cancer Specialist" here in Milwaukee, my doctor was not satisfied, but Oh God worked on my heart on May 9th he was convinced that I was cured, there was no cancer in my body.

The doctor said only God knows.

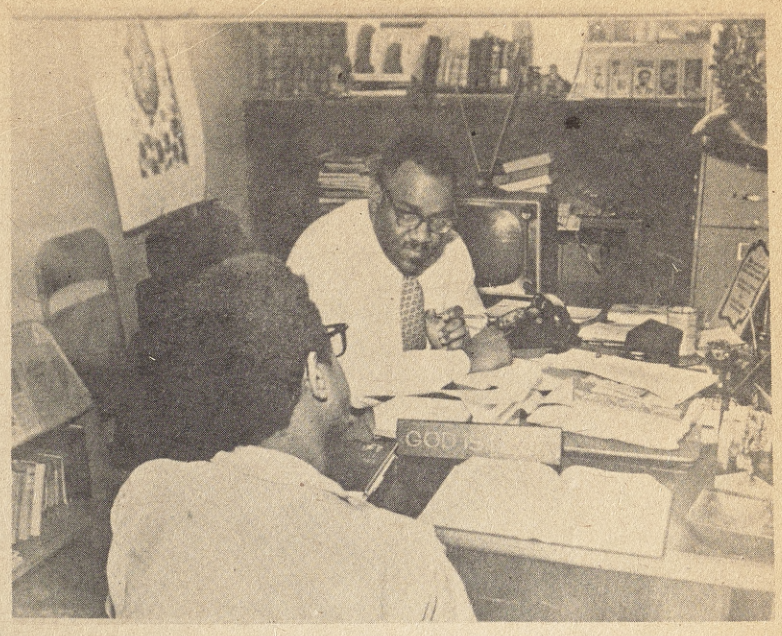
I want to thank the saints everywhere for praying for me. God have answered our prayers. Victory and I mean victory has been won. Please continue to pray for me.

Sister Mary Johnson
Elder W. H. Hudson, Pastor
Elder A. J. Johnson, Ass't Pastor Mother B.A. Buffkins, State Mother

TOTALLY INVOLVED

Elder Elmer Hunter, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a man involved! Totally involved in the community, in the salvation of souls and with young people. An involvement in Elder Hunter's case means more than preaching and receiving an offering. He is a man who took a three-month leave of absence (without pay) from his civil service job in order to establish a much needed Chaplaincy Program (also without pay) at an over-crowded youth center in Philadelphia.

A civil servant with the Federal government, Elder Hunter works the night shift at the Defense Industrial Supply Center-Emergency Supply Operation Center, So to hundreds of military requistioners throughout the world, he is known as Mr. Hunter, of DISC-ESOC, responsible for receiving and transmitting vitally needed



ELDER ELMER HUNTER, Mt. Airy C.O.G.I.C. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

supply items to bases around the globe. But to hundreds of Philadelphia youngsters, who have had a brush with the law, he is known as the Reverend Hunter, Chaplain of the Philadelphia Youth Study Center, responsible for advising, counseling and giving spiritual guidance to the young people detained at the Youth Center.

Throughout his career, Elder Hunter has made concern for his fellowman a virtual way of life, with particular emphasis on the problems of youth in comtemporary society. Thus, at the end of a full eight-hour night tour of duty at DISC, he considers his work day only beginning as he assumes the role of Chaplain, friend and confidant to the young people at the Youth Center.

Before his involvement at the center, Elder Hunter served on the Chaplaincy Staff of Philadelphia's Mercy Douglass Hospital, as well as in field work with the American Bible Society, the American Tract Society, Tyndale Press, Scrupture Press and the Gospel Light Publications. He worked for a while with the Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia as an evangelist. During the summer months he drove a mobile Vacation Bible School through the Philadelphia ghetto areas. From this unit he taught Bible verses and Black History to the many children who came.

An appointment in 1970 to the Council of Chaplaincy Ministeries in Institutions and membership on the Gratford Prison Committee, coupled with his abiding interest in youth led him to his current ministry at the Youth Center. The institution, due to a limited budget, had no formal Chaplaincy Program. Setting up a workable plan required a full time effort by a dedicated volunteer, who would be willing to work almost around the clock and with no compensation. Without such a volunteer, no realistic program would have a chance to succeed.

Elder Hunter recalled his visit to the center as part of a special committee of the United Methodist Church to look into the possibility of setting up a full-time chaplaincy service at the center.

"When I first came to the center and saw what was needed, I couldn't turn down the challenge," he said. And immediately he took leave from his job and set up a summer program. "Project 70" included various outdoor activities; a trip to the Philadelphia Zoological Gardens, a boat ride down the Delaware River several picinics in the city's parks. Social activities planned for inside entertainment, also, were scheduled semi weekly.

Chaplain Hunter served without compensation until September, when a grant from the United Methodist Church took care of his expenses for seven months. Presently, he is being funded by the Philadelphia Presbytery.

Word of Elder Hunter's project quickly reached the DISC Commander, who is an avid proponent of active involvement with young people. In response to Chaplain Hunter's invitation to visit and tour the Center, General Smith expressed a desire to meet and talk with some of the young people and to assist in any way possible to work at the Center. General Smith was impressed with the program, but voiced his concern about the limited budget on hand to continue Chaplain Hunter's program.

Now that Reverend Hunter is back at full-time job and at the same time continuing his work at the Center by acting as Chaplain Coordinator, he is not alone. His zeal and concern for the youth is now supported by General Smith and the more than 2,000 employees of DISC.

Magazines, books, games and puzzles are now being collected by the DISC employees for delivery to the detained youngsters.

"This weekly shipment is an important adjunct to the viable chaplaincy program," Rev. Hunter said, then added, "To see those youngsters dive into the magazines and games is a heart-warming experience indeed. We are con tinuing the program and it is now better than ever.

"I'm grateful to God, " sums up Chaplain Hunter quietly. "for my relationship with General Smith and the wonderful people at DISC and to all the other churches, businesses and individuals who have assisted in this work."

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MISSIONARY F. H. BLANCHARD

FACING THE FUTURE

The future is inevitable. It comes to all things, places, and people that exist. Yes, even the rock that hangs from the cliff in the mountainside has a future.

A few weeks ago thousands of the youths in America met the requirements and graduated from various institutions of learning to move on into what? For some it will be higher education. For others it will be the utilization of skills and knowledges acquired. A large number will accept the call and go into a branch of military service. Many will embark in a life of crime and degredation. But all will enter another phase of life, the future.

Some of them will marry or remarry and bravely face and accept their responsibilities. Others, unable to cope with their responsibilities will evade them and drift with the tide. While still others, who are adults, will cheerfully become someone elses' responsibility.

As one sits in the commencement auditorium and peers down the many avenues that lead into the future, he cannot but wonder, what makes the difference? Why do some people choose the wrong direction? Why is the right way so often obscured? Why do some good people go astray? Why do some bad ones reform? What really makes the difference? I am sure I do not have all the answers. But, however, I would like to point out some important facts that are worthy of consideration.

One thing that should be realized is that each person is an unique individual. Although similar to others, he in many ways, is different from all other individuals. If he shares an opinion with someone, he may be so different in his mannerism, speech patterns, personality, or temperament that he just wouldn't fit into the same mold. One can truly see why God has allowed man the freedom of choice.

A person's actions in the future are influenced, not only by what he does today, but also, by what he is today. Hereditary factors determine his size, his height, and the color of his skin and hair. They also give him his innate abilities, his natural drives, his feelings and emotions, his personality traits, and may contribute to his attitudes about himself and others. Can one wonder why Plato said "Know Thyself." What did he mean? Don't be a person who stands before a mirror with closed eyes. One must be able to accept his limitations and face his faults and failures. When Isaiah saw himself, he cried out, "Woe is me."

David in his desire to become better acquainted with himself, realized that the finite realm was too limited. He saw that a thorough knowledge of oneself was only possible through infinite eyes. Therefore, he said, "Search me, Go God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.

Hereditary factors may be considered as pressures stemming from within. There are also pressures from without, environmental factors, that have a tremendous influence in the way an individual faces the future.

The war in Vietnam certainly fits into this category. Some, who have not been touched by it, may not give it serious thought. But many others know it is not a fantasy or mirage. Their broken hearts and homes will not let them forget. Mothers have been left with fatherless children and children have been left with widowed mothers. Some of these children are among the recent graduates. This war will have a terrific impact on many youths as they face the future.

Today young people are uniting and performing more and more activities in groups. There are hippie and yippie movements. There are music festivals where the yough are exposed to dope and unlimited sex. There are gangs that thrive on crime and violence. These various groups are steadily growing and others are forming daily, drowning their members from all classes of people. The Apostle Paul considering the dangers of environmental factors declared in I Cor. 15:33 "Evil communications corrupt good manners.

Many youths will go astray because they have lost faith in the older generation. They have found out by observation, from association, and from the news that not only does corruption exist among some city and state politicians, but the Federal Government and military forces have exposed much within their ranks that make us hang our heads in shame.

How then can the older citizen help the younger ones. Exhort them to take the advice of Solomon in Proverbs 3:6 "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." The parent can start in the home. He can be an example for the child and train him in the fear of God. It has been said "the home that prays together stays together." In a prayerful home there is unity, tolerance and understanding. President Johnson, in his June 1965, commencement address at Howard university, said "The family is the cornerstone of our society. More than any force it shapes the attitudes, the hopes, the ambitions and values of the child. When the family collapse, it is the children that are usually damaged. When it happens on massive scale the entire community itself is crippled.

Young people when making decisions don't seek the easiest or shortest way out; seek the best way even though it may be hard and long. The only way to climb a mountain is up the rough side. If the mountain is too smooth the climber finds himself slipping and sliding down. It is only the rough places that offer something to grasp.

The rough side of the mountain may leave one bruised but if he gets to the top, the joy of succeeding will make the bruises less painful.

Do not frame your diploma and forget it but let it be a reminder that "For unto whomsoever much is given of him shall be much required. Luke 12:48. Let it be a reminder that the task is not finished. It will never be finished. For as long as there is existence there be will be goals to be reached, races to be run, battles to be fought and a future to be faced. This is the question. How will you face your tomorrow? Do you know the answer?

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Elmer Hunter is the product of the Philadelphia public shcools and after three years' service in the U.S. Air Force in France, he attented Temple University and the Philadelphia College of Bible. Currently, he is studing at the Haverford State Hospital, enrolled in a Clinical Pastoral Education Program. He is gaining insight how to effectively help those confined to institutions; whether hospitals, prisons, convalecent homes, mental institutions, and or juvenile detention centers.

Married to the former Lerotha Ritter of Philadelphia, the Hunters have two girls and a boy. Members of the Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ, pastored by Elder Ernest Morris, the family supports Elder Hunter in his efforts to reach young people. They accompany the father to hospitals and rest homes and often pass out tracts when he drives the mobile unit through the Philadelphia ghetto area. Last year, Elder Hunter and the three children made a tape for the television program 'Thought For Today", shown on WRCV-TV, channel 3, a local Philadelphia station. The message, "How Deep is Your Involvement? " brings a direct question to the public regarding their concern and love for their fellowman. Rev. Hunter poses question, "Who is Your Neighbor? This film will be seen for the next two years, once every month; opening the station in the morning and or closing it at night.

Elder Hunter's most recent commendation for community work was received in April 1971, when he was a candidate for the ',Federal Employee of the Year." He was not selected; however, he received a Certificate of Recognition for his accomplishments and involvement in community activity.

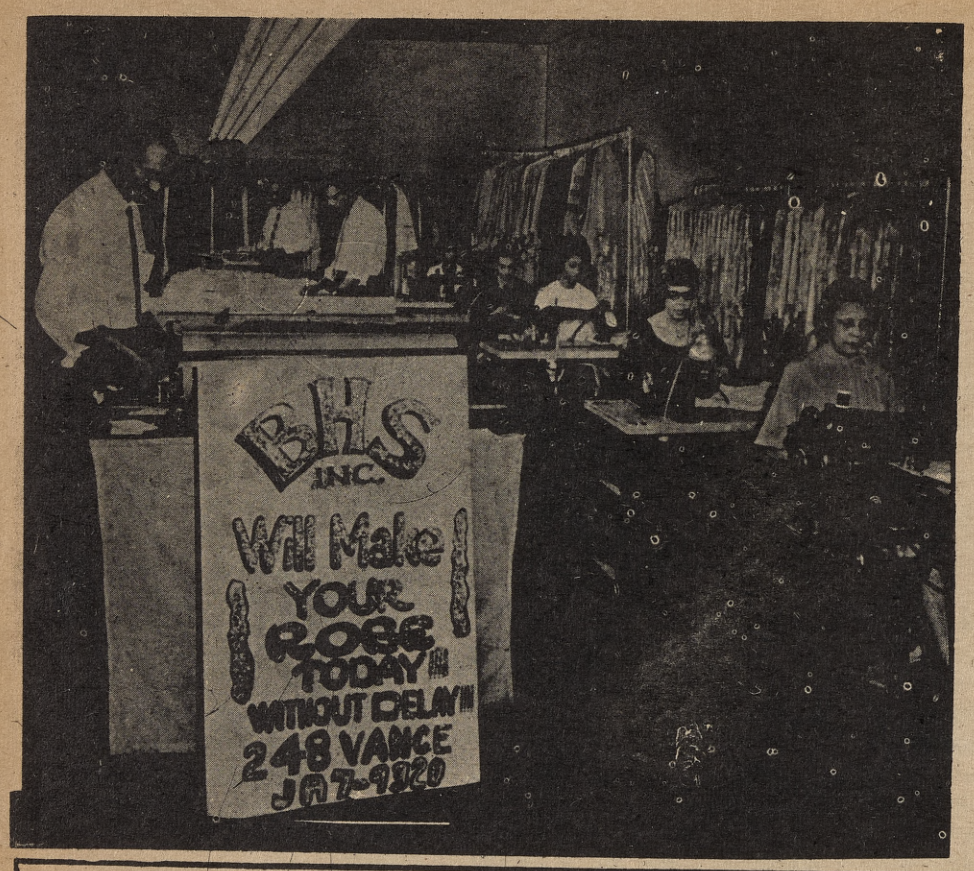
At the time to this writing, the Hunters are busy involving themselves in the community. Mrs. Hunter, who attends the many socials and church services arranged by her husband, stated convincingly, "Christians service is rewarding. Just to know that you have given of yourself to help someone brings great satisfaction.

"The experience of trusting God and witnessing the power of His hand on each of our lives in a joy to behold," is the way Chaplain Hunter summed up his work of the past months.

HOME GOING OF MOTHER M. B. SIPUEL

Again death came on March 21, 1971 and carried away one of the pioneers of the Church of God in Christ and of the state of Oklahoma. In 1919 she along with her husband, the Late Overseer T. B. Sipuel came to Oklahoma from the State of Arkansas to worship under the late Bishop E. M. Page. For many years they lived at the home place in Chickasha, Okla. where many of the early day saints stopped to rest.

She leaves behind two daughters, Mrs. Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher and Mrs. Helen Marie Sipuel Higgins. Both of Oklahoma City.
Elder H. Higgins



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